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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: FAO, AORG

SUBJECT: SENATE ACTION ON FAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

- 1. EDWARD WEST, FAO PROGRAM AND BUDGET ASST. DIRECTOR GENERAL, HAS RAISED WITH EMBOFF THE SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S BUDGET, THAT PART WHICH DEALS WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PAGES 9-11.
- 2. ACCORDING TO WEST, FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA WAS NOT SUR-PRISED BY THE SENATE DEDUCTION OF \$150,000 IN FAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SINCE WE HAD WARNED HIM OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE. SINCE THE HOUSE DID NOT MAKE THIS DEDUCTION, SAOUMA HAS BEEN TOLD THAT IN CONFERENCE THESE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEDUCTIONS WILL BE REINSTATED. SAOUMA IS MUCH MORE WORRIED ANDANGRY BY THE LANGUAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT HENCE FORTH THE SENATE COMMITTEE BEGIN QUOTE WILL NOT CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FUNDING OF UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL. (THE COMMITTEE) SHALL CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING, WEHTEHR ASSESSED OR VOLUNTARY, ONLY THROUGH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH REQUESTS FOR FUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONALS DEVELOPMENT

## PROGRAM. END QUOTE

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE BEFORE US/FAO RELATIONS. ALSO HOW WERE THE \$150,000 FAO AND THE \$15 MILLION WHO DEDUCTIONS ARRIVED AT? GARDNER

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